

**An Anthem for Fast Day**

Hear, hear O heav'ns,  
for the Lord hath spoken, for the Lord hath spoken,

Hear, hear O heav'ns, and give ear O earth  
for the Lord hath spoken, for the Lord hath spoken,

and they have re - bell'd they have re - bell'd a -

and they have re - bell'd,  
and they have re - bell'd a -

I have nourish'd and brought up children,

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against me, and they have re - bell'd a -      against me, ah, sinful      nation,

against me, and they have re - bell'd a -      against me,      ah sinful      nation.      the ox knows his

but Isr'el doth not know,      but Isr'el doth not know,      but Isr'el doth not

owner, the ass his master's crib,      but Isr'el doth not know,      but Isr'el doth not know,      but Isr'el doth not

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know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation,

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A people

Children, that are corruptors, they have for -

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laden with in - iquity, a seed of evil.

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The musical score for "An Anthem for Fast Day" features six staves of music, likely intended for three solo voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor) and a choir (Bass). The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the vocal parts. The music is set in common time with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts are separated by vertical bar lines, and the music includes various note values such as eighth and sixteenth notes, along with rests. The lyrics describe a scene of judgment and call to repentance, referencing the Old Testament prophet Isaiah.

**Lyrics:**

- Staff 1: sa - ken the Lord, they have pro - vo - ked, pro - vo - ked, pro - vo - ked the
- Staff 2: they have pro - vo - ked, pro - vo - ked, pro - vo - ked the
- Staff 3: sa - ken the Lord, they have pro - vo - - ked, pro - vo - ked the
- Staff 4: they have pro - vo - ked, pro - vo - ked, pro - vo - ked the
- Staff 5: ho - ly one of Is'r'l unto anger. ah, sinful nation, ah, sinful nation.
- Staff 6: ho - ly
- Staff 7: ho - ly one of Is'r'l unto anger. ah, sinful nation
- Staff 8: ho - ly

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Wash ye make ye clean put away the evil of your doings from be - fore mine eyes,

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cease to do

seek judgement, relieve the op - pres-sed, judge the fatherless, plead,

learn to do well,

seek judgement, relieve the op - pres - sed, plead,

evil, judge the fatherless,

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plead,  
plead,  
plead,  
plead,  
plead,  
plead for the  
wi - dow,  
plead,  
for the  
widow,  
plead,  
plead for the  
widow  
love mercy, walk humbly before God.  
Come now let us  
plead,  
for the  
widow do justice  
plead,  
for the  
widow do justice, love mercy, walk humbly before God.  
Come now let us  
plead,  
plead,

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The musical score consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The music is in common time. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

reason together, reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins they be as scarlet  
reason together, reason together, saith the lord, though your sins they be as scarlet  
they shall be as wool, though they be red like crimson, like crimson, like crimson, yet they shall  
they shall be as wool, though they be red like crimson, like crimson, like crimson, yet they shall

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be as white as snow yet they shall be as white as snow.  
be as white as snow, as white as snow, yet they shall be as white as snow. snow.